Total No. of working days	—	145
Total days on which leave availed/ Relieving duty performed in other units in case of exigencies	—	98
No. of days with full strength of doctors	—	47

(c) The supply position of medicines in this dispensary is adequate.

Costly treatment for heart disease and Cancer

†1551. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most common people in the country are unable to get proper treatment due to costly treatment of heart disease and cancer;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to make such an arrangement so that general masses can also get themselves treated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Diseases like cancer and heart disease require institutionalized management with facilities having advance equipments such as Cobalt and ICU, etc. Resources being limited it may not be cost effective to have large number of facilities throughout the country. Hence, most of these are located in big cities and provide treatment to people from all States of the country.

(b) to (d) No fee is charged from any of the patients for treatment in the Central Government Hospitals. The indoor patients, except those in nursing home/private wards, are also provided medicines free of cost. Most of the other Government hospitals, Medical Colleges and Regional Cancer Centers, etc. provide free treatment to poor patients. Seven States are availing assistance from the World Bank for strengthening their Health Delivery System by improving infrastructural facilities, equipments, manpower, etc. Other States have been requested to prepare similar projects to avail assistance of World Bank.